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SUBJECT: NINETEENTH SESSION, ACPR, BANGKOK, 7 SEPTEMBER 1976

SUMMARY: HALF DAY MEETING FOCUSSED ON DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS; PROGRAM OF WORK AND PRIORITIES; UNIFORM FORMAT FOR ANNOTATED PROGRAM OF WORK AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES AND BRIEF PROGRESS REPORTS ON FORTHCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS. END SUMMARY.

1. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARAMIS DREW ATTENTION TO ITEMS LISTED ABOVE AND INTRODUCED MR. T. K. MANGUN, NEW CHIEF OF THE PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION OFFICE. ACPR CHAIRMAN FROM IRAN (AKRAMI) WELCOMED MANGUN ON BEHALF OF THE ACPR, WHO PROMISED TO WORK CLOSELY AND EFFECTIVELY WITH THE ACPR AND HIS SECRETARIAT COLLEAGUES.

2. SECRETARIAT INTRODUCED STATISTICS COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE BY SUGGESTING THAT THE COMMITTEE'S REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ASI AND THE PROVISION OF GUIDANCE ON THE WORKING OF THE INSTITUTE WOULD BE IN CONFLICT WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMISSION RESOLUTION 166 (XXXII). SECRETARIAT RECALLED THAT

THE RESOLUTION WOULD ESTABLISH A SINGLE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GOVERNING COUNCIL IN 1977 WITH COMPLETE JURISDICTION OVER THE WORK OF THE FOUR UNDP-SUPPORTED REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTES. THESE ARE ADI, ACDA, ASI AND ACTRSWD. SOME PERMREPS BELIEVED THAT SINCE NOT ALL COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED IN THE SINGLE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GOVERNING COUNCIL, THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS, WITH A LARGER MEMBERSHIP, WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO PROVIDE VIEWS AND ADVICE ON THE NEEDS OF THE REGION. SOME PERMREPS BELIEVED THAT IF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS HAD THIS FUNCTION, IT WOULD OPEN THE WAY FOR SIMILAR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF OTHER LEGISLATIVE BODIES. OTHER, INCLUDING NETHERLANDS, THAI, NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, U.S. WERE CONCERNED THAT A COORDINATING LINK SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS, WHICH HAS STATISTICAL EXPERTISE OF THE REGION, WITH THE ASI. THE ACPR AGREED TO FORM A WORKING GROUP TO RESOLVE THESE ISSUES, PREPARE A SUGGESTED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. COMMENT: RE STATE 194444, DISCUSSION REVEALED THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON THE ASI GOVERNING BOARD.

3. THE SECRETARIAT INTRODUCED OES/ACPR/93/REV.1 ENTITLED QUOTE FURTHER STREAMLINING OF PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES, 1976-1977 UNQUOTE AND NOTED THAT DOCUMENT HAD BEEN PREPARED, AS REQUESTED BY THE ACPR, IN THE FORMAT OF THE COMMISSION DOCUMENT E/CN.11/L.445/CONS ENTITLED QUOTE A NOTE ON THE PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES. UNQUOTE. THE SECRETARIAT SUGGESTED THAT THE CLASSIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES IN THE FIVE CATEGORIES BE ALTERED AS FOLLOWS: A) CATEGORY III - ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE PURSUED IMMEDIATELY ON ACCOUNT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS - SHOULD BE MOVED DOWN TO CATEGORY V, RESULTING IN UPWARDS ADJUSTMENTS OF CATEGORIES IV AND V TO BECOME RESPECTIVELY, III AND IV., B) NEW CATEGORY V - ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE TO BE IMPLEMENTED UPON AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES - SHOULD BE AMENDED TO READ QUOTE ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE TO BE IMPLEMENTED UPON AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER SOURCES INCLUDING MEMBER COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE THE ACPR APPROVED THESE CHANGES AND SOME MEMBERS EXPRESSED THEIR WISH TO SEE AN INDICATION OF FINANCIAL COSTS OF PROJECTS TO BE UNCLASSIFIED

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SHOWN WHEREVER POSSIBLE IN THE WORK PROGRAMME.

4. CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO OES/ACPR/96 ENTITLED QUOTE UNIFORM FORMAT FOR THE ANNOTATED PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES. UNQUOTE SECRETARIAT SAID THE ULTIMATE AIM WAS TO HAVE ONLY TWO MAIN DOCUMENTS ON THE WORK PROGRAMME INCORPORATING MAIN FEATURES OF COMMISSION DOCUMENT E/CN.11/L.445/CONS. EACH ACTIVITY IS TO BE ANNOTATED TO PROVIDE INFO ON ITS ORIGIN, ITS

AUTHORITY, PROGRESS ACHIEVED AND FURTHER ACTION PROPOSED, EXPECTED TIME OF COMPLETION, SOURCE OF FUNDS, REQUIREMENTS OF INPUTS AND EXPECTED IMPACT AND THE SCOPE OF COOPERATION WITH OTHER UN ORGANIZATIONS. AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM AND PARA THREE ABOVE, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ASSIGNED THE TASK OF FORMULATING A UNIFORM FORMAT FOR THE ANNOTATED PROGRAM OF WORK OF VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES TO THE WORKING GROUP REFERRED TO IN PARA TWO ABOVE.

5. THE RESPONSIBLE DIVISION CHIEF'S FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, AND TRADE REPORTED ON THE PREPARATION AND PROGRESS OF THE FORTHCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS. A REQUEST WAS MADE TO INCLUDE IN THE AGENDA OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE UNDER AGENDA ITEM 7 - PROGRESS REPORT, ETC.....A SUB-ITEM ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IT WAS RECOMMENDED THIS BE PROPOSED WHEN THE COMMITTEE MEETS AND CONSIDERS THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR ADOPTION. THE PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE NEXT ACPR SESSION.

6. THE SECRETARIAT INFORMED THAT THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT WAS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY AND THAT TWO MISSIONS TO WEST-SOUTH ASIA AND TO SOUTHEAST ASIA WERE IN THE FIELD DISCUSSING SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM WITH THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

7. MARAMIS INVITED ICEM REPRESENTATIVES, WHO ATTENDED AS OBSERVERS, TO INFORM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ICEM ACTIVITIES WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING SOME COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ESCAP IN THIS AREA.

8. THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY INFORMED THE ACPR THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, THE SECOND SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT PLANNING HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL 1977.

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9. MARAMIS REPORTED THAT THE LAST ECOSOC SESSION ADOPTED A
RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT MALDIVES AS A FULL MEMBER OF ESCAP AND
ADVISED THAT ESCAP WD RECEIVED AN APPLICATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT
OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA TO CONVERT ITS ASSOCIATE MEMBE
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